(vi) The project is expected to facilitate establishment of a transshipment hub for container traffic in the Southern Peninsula, directly benefiting the export and import trade and saving foreign exchange.

Transport capacity in upper Ganges canal

†2345. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether water transport capacity exists in upper Ganges canal in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to utilise it after making assessment of this capacity?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No study has been conducted as yet by Inland Waterways Authority of India to assess water transport capacity in upper Ganges canal in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

Features of National Road Safety Policy

2346. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Road Safety Policy drafted in 1992 and endorsed by the National Road Safety Council in December, 1994;

(b) when was the National Road Safety Policy notified;

(c) whether the provisions of the Policy are being implemented fully;

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto in view of rising trend in road accidents; and

(e) whether it is now proposed to review this Policy to make it more practical and effective?

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